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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 10, 2003 concerning the above-referenced patent application. By the attached petition for an extension of time and check for the requisite fee, the applicants have extended the time for responding until November 10, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.